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SUBJECT: DEMARCATION OF INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER

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SUBJ: DEMARCATION OF INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN CALCUTTA PRESS OF SEP 19,
INDO-BANGLADESH BOUNDARY DEMARCATION CONFERENCE DEMAR-
CATED 320 KILOMETERS IN SIX-DAY MEETING WHICH
CONCLUDED IN CALCUTTA ON SEP 18. DEMARCATED BOUNDARY
CONSISTED OF 171 KMS IN TRIPURA, AND IN WEST BENGAL
OF 129 KMS IN MURSHIDABAD AND 19 KMS IN 24 PARGANAS.
TOTAL LENGTH OF INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER REPORTEDLY
ABOUT 4004 KMS, OF WHICH 2170 IS IN WEST BENGAL AND
880 IN TRIPURA. SO FAR ABOUT 1175 KMS HAVE BEEN
DEMARCATED ON WEST BENGAL SIDE AND 530 KMS ON TRIPURA
SIDE, ACCORDING TO AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA, OR 1323 KMS
IN WEST BENGAL AND 700 KMS IN TRIPURA, ACCORDING TO
HINDUSTHAN STANDARD.

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2. AFTER SURVEYS ARE COMPLETED, BOUNDARY MAPS ARE PREPARED AND THEN SIGNED AT CONFERENCES WHICH TAKE PLACE TWICE ANNUALLY, ONCE IN CALCUTTA OR AGARTALA (TRIPURA) AND ONCE IN DACCA. AT CONFERENCE JUST COMPLETED ABOUT 60 MAPS WERE SIGNED.

3. HEAD OF BANGLADESH TEAM REPORTED BY AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA TO HAVE SAID THAT CONFERENCE WAS A ROUTINE MATTER, AND WENT ON ALL RIGHT. HINDUSTHAN STANDARD SEPT 18 QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT "TALKS WERE CORDIAL" AND REPORTS THAT OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES SAID THERE WERE NO DISPUTES OR DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THEM.KORN

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